CASINO GAMBLING SYSTEM WITH BIOMETRIC ACCESS CONTROL

Abstract of the Disclosure

A casino gambling system may comprise a first computer, a plurality of casino gambling units operatively coupled to the first computer, and a second computer operatively coupled to the first computer. The second computer may include a biometric input apparatus capable of generating digital data representing a unique physical characteristic of a user and a controller operatively coupled to the biometric input apparatus. The controller may have a microprocessor and a memory and may be programmed to control access to the second computer based upon digital data generated by the biometric input apparatus. The biometric input apparatus may be a camera for generating an image of a person's face, an eye scanner, a fingerprint scanner, or a microphone and a voice digitizer. One or more of the casino gambling units may be provided with a display unit that is capable of generating color images, an input device that allows a player to make an input selection, a value-input device that is capable of allowing the player to deposit a medium of value, and a gambling unit controller operatively coupled to the display unit, the input device, and the value-input device. The gambling unit controller may be programmed to allow the player to make a wager; to cause a video image relating to a video gambling game to be generated on the display unit; and to determine, after the image has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game and a value payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game. The gambling units may be programmed to play a video game selected from the group of video games consisting of video poker, video blackjack, video slots, video keno and video poker.